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SUBJECT: NEW YORK TIMES SUMMARY MAY 20, 1973

PRESIDENT NIXON' S ARMED FORCES DAY SPEECH IN NORFOLK, BREZHNEV-
BRANDT MEETING AND FRAUD IN EUROPEAN FARM SUBSIDIES SHARED
ABOVE FOLD FRONT PAGE. IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS " MR.
NIXON' S FIRST TOUGH COMMENT" ON MIAS, A " RELAXED AND CONFIDENT"
PRESIDENT WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, " THE COOPERATION WHICH
NORTH VIETNAM PROMISED TO GIVE US IN MAKING A FULL ACCOUNTING
FOR AMERICANS MISSING IN ACTION HAS NOT BEEN SATISFACTORY".

TIMES RELEGATED LATEST WATERGATE DEVELOPMENTS TO ONE- COLUMN
ON FRONT PAGE PLUS TWO INSIDE PAGES, AND LISTED LATEST AS
(1) CAULFIELD, FORMER WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL, REPORTEDLY
ASSERTS HE OFFERED MCCORD CLEMENCY ON INSTRUCTIONS OF
DEAN, BUT WAS UNABLE REMEMBER WHETHER HE INVOKED PRESIDENT' S
NAME, (2) GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE ACCUSED FORMER COMMERCE
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SEC. STANS OF " AN OBVIOUS ATTEMPT TO EVADE THE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS" OF THE NEW FEDERAL CAMPAIGN SPENDING LAW, (3) NATION' S REPUBLICAN STATE CHAIRMEN PLEDGED SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND (4) GALLUP POLL INDICATES THAT CONCERN OVER CORRUPTION IN GOVERNMENT HAS INCREASED FROM 1 PER CENT IN MID- FEBRUARY TO 16 PER CENT. IN BELOW- FOLD COLUMN OF FRONT PAGE FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL MITCHELL IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT SOME ONE IS TRYING TO MAKE HIM THE " FALL GUY" IN THE WATERGATE SCANDAL, BUT DENIES ANY WRONGDOING.

IN LONG EDITORIAL TIMES REVIEWS RECENT DISCLOSURES ON WHITE HOUSE METHODS OF GOVERNMENT WHICH IT DESCRIBES AS " A CORRUPT STYLE OF GOVERNMENT WHICH IS PROFOUNDLY SUBVERSIVE OF THIS COUNTRY' S INSTITUTIONS" AND CALLS ON PRESIDENT NIXON TO MAKE " SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN HIS OWN APPROACH TO NATIONAL LEADERSHIP THAT ARE ESSENTIAL IF THE UGLY BLACK CLOUD IS TO BE LIFTED FROM THE NATION".

TIMES EDITORIAL FINDS WASHINGTON PICTURE NOT ALL BLEAK, AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT CONGRESSIONAL MOVES TO CUT OFF FUNDS FOR BOMBING IN CAMBODIA, AND ASSERTS THE AWAKENED CONGRESS OFFERS HOPE FOR ULTIMATE RESTORATION OF THE NATION' S DAMAGED POLITICAL HEALTH. ON OP ED PAGE RESTON SAYS WATERGATE MAY HAVE IMPORTANT BENEFITS IF SYSTEM OF CAMPAIGN FINANCES ARE CHANGED. WICKER POSES QUESTION WHETHER POLITICAL PROCESS WAS SUBVERTED IN LAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND ASSERTS CONSTITUTION PROVIDES NO GUIDE FOR THIS CRISIS. NADER CALLS FOR ERVIN COMMITTEE TO DEVISE MEANS MAKE GOVERNMENT MORE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL ITS ACTIONS. PAUL WARNKE ASSERTS BOMBING OF CAMBODIA " WITHOUT CONSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT OR CONGRESSIONAL ENDORSEMENT". SULZBERGER REVIEWS DAMAGE OF WATERGATE TO AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY, FINDS IT CONSIDERABLE, AND QUESTIONS WHERE IT WILL ALL END.

INSIDE PAGE FIRST SECTION CARRIES BRIEF REUTERS ANNOUNCEMENT DATED BOGOTA MAY 19 THAT SEC. ROGERS IS PROCEEDING TODAY FROM COLOMBIA TO BRAZIL. IN WHAT IS DESCRIBED AS " MOST RELAXED STAGE" OF TOUR, ARTICLE SAYS ALTHOUGH THERE ARE NO MAJOR DIPLOMATIC PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE US AND BRAZIL, SEC. ROGERS IS EXPECTED TO FACE " BARAGE OF QUESTIONS UNCLASSIFIED

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ON ECONOMIC MATTERS."

UNDER RICHARD SEVERO BYLINE FROM MEXICO CITY ON INSIDE PAGE OF NEWS IN REVIEW THREE HALF- PAGE COLUMNS REPORT SEC. ROGERS TRIP TO DATE. SEVERO DESCRIBES MANY LATINS AS LISTENING TO ROGERS MESSAGE AND LIKING WHAT HE HAS TO

SAY. ROGERS CALL FOR POLITICAL EQUALITY STRUCK RIGHT NOTE
WITH AUDIENCE, SEVERO SAYS, BUT HE CONTRASTED SEC.
ROGERS' S CALL FOR END TO " RHETORIC AND RECRIMINATION"
WITH LARGE NUMBER OF POLICE IN STREETS AROUND BOGOTA
PRESIDENTIAL PALACE DURING SPEECH. QUALIFIED COMPLIMENT,
" BUT TO SOME LATINS, AT LEAST, MR. ROGERS WAS SIMPATICO.",
SUMMED UP TONE OF ARTICLE.
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